

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5 and amend claims 1, 18 and 21 as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) An electrical plug protector for use on an electrical plug with a cord, comprising:

~~an~~ at least first and second enclosure portions with members moveable between an open position and a closed position; ~~and~~

a cord tethering portion for detachably engaging the cord, associated with at least one of said enclosure portions and configured for attaching said enclosure portion to substantially encircling the cord; and

when in said closed position, said enclosure portion is configured to be openable without the use of tools.

2. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 1 wherein said enclosure includes at least two of said members.

3. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 1 wherein said open position is configured to make the plug accessible.

4. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 1 wherein said cord tethering portion is provided with a clasp configured for detachably engaging the cord.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 2 wherein said members are latchable to each other.

7. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 2 wherein said electrical plug protector includes a top portion, side portions, and a base.

8. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 7 wherein said enclosure is configured to taper on said side portions towards said cord tethering portion to conform to an overall shape of the plug.

9. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 8 wherein said tethering portion is configured to attach to the cord independent of said side portions being in said open or said closed position.

10. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 2 wherein at least one member has a solid outer wall.

11. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 6 further including at least one latch forming a male connection piece on one of said members and configured to be latchable to a corresponding female formation located on a second of said members.

12. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 7 wherein said members are connected to each other by at least one hinge.

13. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 12 wherein said at least one hinge is located at said base of said plug protector.

14. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 12 wherein said at least one hinge is located at one of said side portions of said plug protector.

15. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 11 wherein said male connection piece requires a squeeze force sufficient to prevent children from disengaging said male connection from said female formation.

16. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 4 wherein said clasp is configured to require a sufficient squeeze force to prevent actuation by young children.

17. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 4 wherein said cord tethering portion includes at least one securing member hingedly connected to a fixed member.

18. (Presently Amended) An electrical plug protector for use on an electrical plug with a cord, comprising:

an enclosure portion including at least two members each defined by a top portion, side portions, and a base, said members moveable between an open position and a closed position;

a cord tethering portion for detachably engaging the cord associated with the said enclosure portion; and

said enclosure portion is configured to taper on said side portions towards said cord tethering portion to substantially conform to the overall shape of the plug thereby containing only one plug;

a hinge mechanism connecting said members to each other; and

when in said closed position, said enclosure portion is configured to be openable without the use of tools.

19. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 18 wherein said hinge mechanism is located on said base of said plug protector.

20. (Original) The electrical plug protector of claim 18 wherein said hinge mechanism is located on one of said side portions of said plug protector.

21. (Presently Amended) An electrical plug protector for use on an electrical plug with a cord, comprising:

an enclosure portion with members moveable between an open position and a closed position;

said enclosure portion includes at least two members each defined by a top portion, side portions, and a base;

said members are latchable to each other;

said members when in said closed position require a sufficient squeeze force to prevent actuation by young children;

said enclosure is configured to taper on side portions towards said cord tethering portion to conform to the overall shape of the plug;

a cord tethering portion for detachably engaging the cord associated with said enclosure portion; and

said enclosure portion is configured to taper on said side portions towards said cord tethering portion to substantially conform to the overall shape of the plug thereby containing only one plug;

said enclosure portion substantially restricts axial, lateral and horizontal movement of said cord and plug;

a clasp located at said tethering portion for detachably engaging the cord;

and

wherein said closed position, said enclosure portion is configured to be  
openable without the use of tools.